



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1445 Ross Avenue, Ste 1200
Dallas, TX 95202

September 25, 2009

Mr. David M. Wessel, President
United Production Company, Inc.
228 St. Charles Ave., Ste 1330B
New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: Notice of Federal Assumption of Response Activity
United Production – W Harang (FPN E09617)
Certified Receipt – 7008 0150 0003 1544 1012

Dear Mr. Wessels

My letter dated September 25, 2009, notified you of federal interest in an actual or potential pollution incident has occurred or threatens to occur at the United Production – W Harang facility, located at Latitude 29. 6000° North/Longitude 90.4397° West, in the Valentine Oil and Gas Field (Field ID: 9096), Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. which you are presently considered financially responsible.

You are hereby given notice that your actions to abate this threat and to remove the pollutant(s), and mitigate its/their effects have been evaluated as improper to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Christopher Ruhl. Effective November 30, 2009, the EPA will conduct all removal activities under the authority of the Section 311 (c)(1) of the Clean Water Act, as amended [33 U.S.C. 1321 (c)(1)]. Removal will be effected in accordance with the criteria of the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan and federal regulations. You will then be billed for costs incurred by the federal government, as set forth in Section 311 (f) of the Clean Water Act.

Should you require further information concerning this matter, please contact the Christopher Ruhl by telephone at (214) 665-7356, by email at ruhl.christiopher@epa.gov, or in writing at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
Attn: Chris Ruhl (6SF-PO)
1445 Ross Avenue
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ruhl", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Christopher Ruhl
On-Scene Coordinator

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